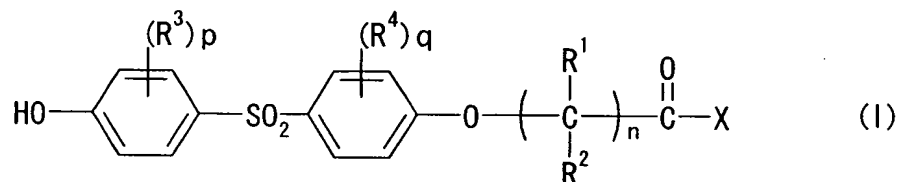


## ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a recording material which has excellent background stability, specifically heat resistance and heat and humidity resistance of the background. The recording material containing a color forming dye is characterized by containing at least one kind of diphenylsulfone derivative represented by the general formula (I):



(wherein  $\text{R}^1$  and  $\text{R}^2$  each represents a hydrogen atom or a C1 to C6 alkyl group,  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 6,  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  each represents a halogen atom, a C1 to C6 alkyl group, etc.,  $p$  and  $q$  each represents an integer of 0 to 4,  $\text{X}$  represents  $\text{OR}^5$  or  $\text{NR}^6\text{R}^7$  wherein  $\text{R}^5$  represents a C1 to C6 alkyl group, a C1 to C6 hydroxyalkyl group, or a C1 to C6 alkoxy-C1 to C6 alkyl group, and  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  each represents a hydrogen atom, a C1 to C6 alkyl group, etc).